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INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE PROTECTION OF LITERARY AND ARTISTIC WORKS (BERNE UNION)

ASSEMBLY

First Ordinary Session
Geneva, September 21 to 29, 1970

REPORT

prepared by the Secretariat

Opening of the Session

1. The Assembly of the Berne Union (hereinafter called "the Assembly") held its first ordinary session at Geneva from September 21 to 28, 1970.
2. The following States, members of the Assembly at the opening of the session, were represented: Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany (Federal Republic), Greece, Holy See, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, United Kingdom, Yugoslavia (32).
3. The States and organizations which were represented by observers are shown in the list of participants (document AB/I/INF/5).
4. The session was opened by Mr. Edward Armitage (United Kingdom), Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole (see document AB/I/33, paragraph 5), acting as provisional Chairman of the Assembly.

Agenda

5. The agenda was adopted as proposed in document B/A/I/1.Rev. and was later completed by a new item, "Headquarters Building."

Adoption of the Rules of Procedure

6. See document AB/I/33, paragraph 17.

Election of Officers

7. The Assembly elected the following officers:

Chairman	:	Mr. Archibald M. Laidlaw	(Canada)
Vice-Chairmen	:	Mr. Abderrahim H'ssaïne	(Morocco)
		Mr. Jiří Kordač	(Czechoslovakia)

8. Mr. Vojtech Strnad, Counsellor, Head of the Copyright Division of WIPO, acted as Secretary of the Assembly.

Election of the Ordinary Members of the Executive Committee of the Berne Union

9. On the basis of its Rules of Procedure, the Assembly proceeded to the election of the ordinary members of the Executive Committee of the Berne Union. The number of members of the Assembly at the opening of the session being 35, the number of seats to be filled was eight. The following States were elected in the capacity of ordinary members: Canada, France, Germany (Federal Republic), Italy, Pakistan, Romania, Tunisia, United Kingdom. It was agreed that, if a ninth seat were to become available, Spain would automatically fill it. In accordance with Article 23(2)(a) of the Stockholm Act of the Berne Convention, Switzerland is an ordinary member ex officio.

Participation in the Appointment of the Director General of WIPO

10. See document AB/I/33, paragraph 31.

Determination of the Program and Adoption of the Triennial Budget (1971 to 1973) of the Berne Union

11. See document AB/I/33, paragraph 103.

Financial Regulations

12. See document AB/I/33, paragraphs 40 and 41.

Appointment of Auditors

13. See document AB/I/33, paragraph 44.

Giving Directions concerning the Preparation for a Conference for the Revision of the Berne Convention

14. See document AB/I/33, paragraphs 79 to 85.

Admission of Observers

15. See document AB/I/33, paragraph 47.

Headquarters Building

16. See document AB/I/33, paragraph 110.

Adoption of the Report of the Session

17. This report was unanimously adopted on September 28, 1970.

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